

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph on page 1 before the "field of the Invention".

This application is a divisional application of Application Serial Number 10/290,401, filed 11/08/2002.

In the first line of paragraph number [0016] please change "1B2" to be --1 and 2-- as indicated below.

[0016] Referring more particularly to FIGS. ~~1B2~~ 1 and 2, wherein like numbers refer to similar parts, an airbag 20 is deployed from a dashboard 22 toward a vehicle passenger 24, seated on a seat 25, as shown in FIG. 1. The airbag 20 has a source of gas i.e., a gas generator or a source of compressed gas, (not shown) mounted to the airbag housing 42 in gas supplying connection to the bag 28 to cause the bag to inflate when a flow of gas is initiated. The airbag 20 has a sensor 26 which is mounted to the bag 28 of the airbag 20. The sensor 26 is a capacitive sensor, of the Capaciflector type, although the design may be simplified because the capacitive sensor 26 is distant from a ground plane and thus the sensor can be constructed without the multiple capacitive layers used to remove the effect of a ground plane on the ability of the sensor to project electrical fields outwardly of the sensor 26. The following patents describe in more detail capacitive proximity sensors: U.S. Patents 5,166,679; 5,770,997; 6,020,812; 6,079,738; 6,094,610; and 6,135,494 and all of these U.S. Patents are incorporated by reference herein.